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College Board Entrance Test Adopted

Presbyterian College has adopted the Scholastic Test of the College Entrance Board as a requirement for admission, President Marshall W. Brown announced this week.

He said the standard will apply to all new students seeking entrance to PC at the beginning of the fall semester in September, 1958.

Dr. Brown pointed out the college admissions committee had suggested that all 1957 applicants take the test, and most of the incoming freshmen met this qualification.

'A Superior Educational Opportunity'

In his announcement about the decision of the administration and trustees to extend the College Board Test to all students, the president explained:

"It is our belief that the test will enable Presbyterian College to fulfill more completely its mission of providing a superior educational opportunity for students who seek higher education here. But there are two other important considerations: The test will serve as a common denominator for evaluating applications, a measure beyond the high school transcripts which are so often of varying standards. In addition, faculty advisers and guidance counselors—upon studying the test scores of individual freshmen — can assist these students more wisely in their choice of courses and in their adjustment to college work."

To Maintain Well-Balanced Program

President Brown emphasized that Presbyterian College is determined to maintain a well-balanced program of admissions in the face of the increasingly large flow of applications. He said:

"We want students chosen not only for their outstanding scholarship but on the essential qualities of leadership and Christian character as well."

Among other South Carolina institutions, only Furman now requires the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test, but it is the standard for a host of other fine institutions, including: Centre, Davidson, Duke, University of the South, and Washington and Lee.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test ("Morning Section") includes a verbal section "designed to measure the candidate's ability to read with understanding and discrimination, his comprehension of words, and his skill in dealing with word and thought relationships," and a mathematics

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COLLEGE LAUNCHES 77th SESSION

Another capacity enrollment of 520 students opened the 77th session at Presbyterian College as classwork got underway on September 14.

Admissions office records disclose the 180 new students who enrolled at PC for the first time this fall represent only about one-third of all who applied. The number of candidates for admission, thus, becomes greater each fall, and all indications point to an increasingly large demand in the years immediately ahead.

Of the 520 total, 24 are women students. A breakdown of the 1957-58 enrollment by classes shows: seniors—83; juniors—125; sophomore—144; freshmen—160; and special students—8.

The first semester of this 77th session is scheduled to extend through next January 25. Two important holidays will break the stretch between now and then: Thanksgiving vacation is set for November 27-December 1; and Christmas holidays follow two weeks later.

As the 1957-58 school year gets underway, Presbyterian College looks back upon a colorful history dating back to 1880. Its growth through the years has been stimulated by the support of the Synod of South Carolina (which assumed full control in 1904) and of the Synod of Georgia (which joined in control of the institution in 1928).

Memorial Established For Wilson W. Harris

A scholarship in memory of the late Wilson W. Harris of Clinton is the most recent fund to be established at Presbyterian College.

The grant, known as the Wilson W. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund, has been set up by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia B. Harris, toward providing financial assistance to worthy PC students. She has given an initial amount and plans to add to it through the years so that the income from the invested principal may be used for scholarships.

Mrs. Harris said her husband, a Presbyterian elder who spent his life as editor of The Clinton Chronicle, always felt a close attachment to Presbyterian College. He was a member of the class of 1910 and thereafter remained in close touch with campus activities, especially with the work of student editors.

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section "designed to measure aptitude for handling quantitative concepts rather than achievement in the field of mathematics." In the verbal and quantitative aptitudes which the test is designed to measure, experienced educators will recognize the qualities which provide the strongest basis for predicting a student's success in college.

All high schools are kept informed of the dates and locations for this test. It will be given at testing centers, normally within a short distance of an applicant's home, on these dates in the months ahead: December 7, 1957; January 11, 1958; February 8, 1958; March 15, 1958; May 17, 1958; and August 13, 1958. It is suggested that students make arrangements for their tests one month in advance of the particular date.

President Brown said detailed information may be secured from the College Entrance Examination Board, Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey.

Up To \$2,000 Each

PC Expands Scholarship Program

Ten Founder's grants, ranging up to \$2,000 each, highlight the expanded scholarship program Presbyterian College features for its 1958-59 session beginning on September 8, 1958.

High school seniors of superior intellectual achievement, through these grants and three other types of scholarships, thus are offered a broad opportunity to qualify for financial assistance toward obtaining a higher education.

Apply for Founder's Grants by Dec. 10

The new scholarship program is more extensive than in the past, and the increasingly large number of candidates has caused the application date to be pushed forward. Interested seniors are urged to make their applications for the Founder's grants before December 10, 1957, by contacting the Director of Admissions.

The ten Founder's scholarships will be awarded competitively to qualified students entering Presbyterian College next September. They cover four years of study and offer each recipient up to \$500 per year.

Valedictory and Ministerial Scholarships

In addition, Valedictory Scholarships again are being made available to first-honor graduates of accredited high schools, and in special instances, to the second-honor graduate or member of the honor group. These grants amount to \$500 each for the four years of study.

Ministerial candidates of Protestant faith are eligible for Ministerial Scholarships, provided intentions to enter this field have been declared before the local church. Each of these grants provides \$1,000 for the four years of study.

Grants-in-Aid Also Available

A fourth type of financial assistance offered by Presbyterian College is the Grant-in-Aid. Through this program, students of good character and satisfactory academic standing, who cannot otherwise meet all of their college expenses, are provided work opportunities. As the number of these scholarships also is dependent upon funds available, early application is advised here, too.

The Founder's Scholarships, providing up to \$2,000 each, have been widely sought after by students throughout the Southeast since the program was initiated three years ago. They are awarded on the basis of intellect, leadership and character. High school principals have been provided detailed information about these grants, but candidates may contact the College directly. The deadline for applying is December 10, 1957.

All high school seniors are eligible to take the preliminary tests, which will be administered at the local high school. Later, a group of finalists will be selected to visit the PC campus for interviews and other tests. Final decisions will be made after this visit.

A November 2 Reunion

Alumni To Return For Homecoming

Alumni will pour back to the Presbyterian College campus on November 2 for 1957 Homecoming activities.

Preparations are underway now to make it another colorful occasion. A full program is scheduled, including special class reunions, election of officers, awarding of the Alumni Gold P and the Alumni Luncheon.

There's a football game on tap, too, pitting the Blue Hose against Catawba of the fast North State Conference. It's set for 8 p.m. as the climactic event of the day.

Altogether, 16 classes will have reunions this year. The 50th anniversary will be observed by the class of 1907, while members of the 1932 class will mark their 25th anniversary. Other special class meetings include: 1906, 1916, 1917, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1936, 1937, 1946, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1956 and 1957.

Members of the board of directors of the Alumni Association will open the show with their annual fall meeting at 10:30 a.m. The Alumni Luncheon is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. at which time Ross Templeton '24 of Charlotte will receive the 1957 Alumni Gold P for outstanding achievement. Class reunions follow this event, then the annual reception in the home of President and Mrs. Marshall W. Brown. Meetings of the Alumni Association and the Walter Johnson Club immediately precede the pre-game dinner in Judd Hall at 6:15 p.m.

J. Edward Means, Jr. '30 of Greenville, S. C., is president of the Association and has one more year to serve. The post now occupied by Vice-President Francis Hart '29 of Anderson, S. C., must be filled, however, as well as several other positions.

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